

CE NEWS



Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Webinar Picks:

- [Get Thinking! Making the Most of Your Library Time](#)
- [Public Librarians' Monthly Chat: BrainPop Review](#)
- [Staying Afloat in a Sea of Change](#)

Face the future boldly!

How do we create resilient libraries in the face of unrelenting change? How do we keep our libraries from becoming marginalized or worse unnecessary as users' preferences shift from print to digital resources?

I was pondering these questions, the current State budget crisis and just how

quickly things can change from one moment to the next, when I recalled an excellent and inspirational article Brian Mathews wrote a couple of years ago.

Brian Mathews is the Associate Dean for Learning & Outreach at Virginia Tech and the author of [The Ubiquitous Librarian blog](#). In 2012, Mathews wrote [Think Like A Startup: A white paper to inspire library entrepreneurialism](#) to challenge librarians, primarily those in the academic field but his ideas are applicable to all libraries, "to move beyond finding new ways to do the same old things." He reminds us that change is the new normal and to be successful librarians need to be comfortable with ambiguity and able to challenge the status quo.

As I reread Mathew's article, I was inspired all over again. His article reminded me that while we may be unable to have an effect on the change happening outside of the library, all of us can help create vibrant and viable libraries by

Events Calendar

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Upcoming Events:						
8 Great PowerPoint Presentation Tips to Save You From a Fate Worse than Death by PowerPoint						
Thu, Jan 8, 2015 9:00am						
Tech Donations for Libraries!						
Thu, Jan 8, 2015 10:00am						
Are Textbooks History?						
Fri, Jan 9, 2015 9:00am						
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To see all of the upcoming event and webinars visit the [Library Development Training & Continuing](#)

AkLA Conference

February 26-March 1, 2015

Have you made your plans to attend the Alaska Library Association in Juneau? Hotel rooms are filling up quickly, so don't wait too much longer. The AkLA Conference is a terrific opportunity to learn about new library programs and services, meet authors and vendors, and network with librarians from around the State.

Continuing Education grants may be used for conference attendance.

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